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GCN in Paris!

Emerson Gays Lose Funds

BOSTON—Funding to the Emerson College Homophile Society had been cut back to \$300—a reduction of \$1000 from last year, it was learned from an officer of ECHS. This is \$200 less than the organization received in its first year of operation.

The group has also suffered from minor harassment such as posters torn down, meeting dates cancelled and general disruptive actions. All this at a school that is known as Gay U-Back Bay.

The ECHS was slow in getting organized this year, due to a turnover of major elected officials, but it did submit a budget to the Representative Assembly (the student body responsible for allocating funds). The vote was unanimous not to allocate money to the Homophile Society.

It was the Student Government Executive Committee that finally granted the \$300—from the Emergency Slush Fund.

Barton Rouse, male coordinator, ECHS, said the next two months will be devoted to getting together the Emerson and Emerson area gays in an attempt to revitalize the Society.

A "Meet-Your-Valentine-Dance" will be held Feb. 8 Saturday, at 69 Brimmer Street, there will be free beer, music, and dancing.

Professional Gays Confer in NYC

By JOHN GRAVES

NEW YORK, NY—A conference entitled *Identity and Conscience: Homosexuals in Traditional Professions* was held Sat., Jan. 18 at the Riverside Church in New York City. The conference was jointly sponsored by the Homosexual Community Counseling Center (the New York counterpart of Boston's Homophile Community Health Service) and the Horizons Ministry of the Riverside Church.

An estimated 150 to 200 people attended the all-day program, which was directed by Dr. Charles Ihlenfeld.

The main address was given by an economist, Jeffrey Escoffier of the Population Studies Center of the University of Pennsylvania, entitled "The Economics of Gay Identity: Passing versus Coming Out." In this he criticized the "individualist illusion" that one's sense of self-identity can be separated from social contexts, and that the option of passing, or remaining in the closet, has no economic implications. Along with the psychological pain resulting from conscious role-playing and feelings of self-contempt, a gay person may find him/herself forced to choose inappropriate goals and inhibited from achieving a full professional identity. In the labor force, women and blacks are already "discredited", but gays are simply "discreditable". In order to avoid discreditation, they are constant-

ly forced to withhold important information about themselves, and to refrain from many of those informal social interactions with colleagues which are often important to professional acceptance and career advancement. They may also feel a need to over-achieve on the job, and be content with inadequate rewards, or they may settle for some mediocre position which is "safe", in that they are less subject to close personal scrutiny.

Escoffier noted that professions which place high emphasis on "team play" and personal qualities like "reliability" which are judged subjectively tend to be most hostile to gays. The more liberal professions are those with objective measures of job success, those where one can be self-employed, "ghetto occupations" like hair-dressing, or those like nursing which are usually dominated by the opposite sex.

Gay women have a somewhat different situation, since they face discrimination for being women as well as being gay.

The next item was a film entitled "A Position of Faith". This described the efforts of the Rev. Bill Johnson to become ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1972, as the first openly gay minister of a straight church. Though Johnson was ultimately successful, Fr. Robert Carter, the commentator, was rather pessimistic. Gays

as the appeal must be printed in the newspaper for seven days before they will be notified.

Without the beer license, the Stage Door would go out of business.

Robert and Susan Boisviet (father and daughter) will meet next Sunday with members of the Seacoast Area Gay Alliance, a gay organization which uses the bar for meetings, and any other gay people interested in supporting the bar. The meeting will be held at 3:00 pm and any support would be greatly appreciated. The Stage Door is on Rte. 1 in Wells, near the doughnut shop.

BULLETIN

The Charles Street Meetinghouse Coffeehouse has closed and will re-open in February, it was learned late Monday night.

GCN attempted to confirm the story Monday afternoon, but Steffie Sommers said no decision had been made.

Rev. Gibson, when asked if a reporter from GCN could attend the Monday board meeting, replied: "No, no one is allowed to attend that board meeting."

GCN has been told that the

Coffeehouse will re-open under professional private management, not under the auspices of the gay community.

[This story reached GCN too late for complete coverage. See next week's edition for the complete story on the Charles Street Meetinghouse.]

seeking a position of moral leadership, like the ministry, have to fight the notion that it is still respectable to consider homosexuality a sin or sickness.

The remainder of the morning consisted of a roundtable discussion led by people who have come out in their various professions. Martin Duberman represented higher education; Meryl Friedman, secondary education; Howard Brown, medicine; Robert Carter, religion; and Ann Ellwell, the law. All are on the Board of the National Gay Task Force. In general the panelists agreed that there was increasing acceptance of open gays in their respective professions across the country, even in the Southern Bible Belt.

In the afternoon the conference broke into smaller workshops based on particular professions, where individuals dealt with their experiences in more detail. It was agreed that anyone contemplating coming out should have a strong sense of personal

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MAINE LINE

By STURGIS HASKINS

AUGUSTA—At least one pro-gay bill will be introduced into this year's legislature. That's the word from Maine Gay Task Force Coordinator, Peter Prizer. Prizer told GCN that no effort would be made to change the sex laws, rather the bill would attempt to place discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation under the jurisdiction of the State's Human Rights Commission. This follows recommendations passed last spring by the Maine Democratic State Convention.

Prizer said that he, Steve Leo and Susan Breeding met recently with House floor leader Jerry Talbot. Talbot, Maine's first black legislator, is known to be a friend of the gay movement. Last spring he addressed the Wilde-Stein Club at the University of Maine. Talbot was reported to have said that he believed the bill would have a good chance at passage.

It is hoped, Prizer continued, that the Human Rights Commission will research the bill and present it in proper form to the legislature. It is believed the proposed legislation will be sponsored by members of both political parties.

BANGOR—Gay Support and Action Chairperson, Danny Estes, will lead a men's personal growth-encounter group that will meet on Sundays at 3:30 pm at the Gay Community Center. Estes, who is a doctoral student at the University of Maine, will receive graduate credit for his efforts. This is the first time the State's University has granted credit for anything relating to homosexuality.

Estes has also reported that the organization's new headquarters, which they share with a food coop and a tenants union, has been completely redecorated. Estes, flushed with pride, described the decor as "spiffy". The Christmas Toys for Tots campaign netted over one hundred dollars worth of toys for the Salvation Army. The latter responded with a gracious thank you letter.

BANGOR—An effort by Gay Support and Action to legally incorporate has met an initial rebuff by the Attorney General's Office. In a letter to Paul Zendzian, the Club's legal advisor, an Assistant Attorney General, Charles Larouche, was reported to have expressed objections to several portions of the application.

Gay Support and Action Chairperson Danny Estes told GCN that five specific objections had been raised. Three of them, he said, concerned themselves with phrasing that had been used without question by the Club's attorney in other non-gay applications for incorporation. The other two points in question were related to the word "gay" and a possible conflict, at least in the Assistant Attorney General's mind, with the state sodomy laws. Estes said that the application had closely followed a model suggested by the National Gay Task Force. One source close to the situation termed the letter "abrupt" and

unsympathetic. "One might have concluded," he said, "from the tone of his letter that our meetings were for the purposes of group orgies."

Because of the State's slow response to the application, the sixty-day filing period has expired. GSA will now have to prepare a second application. The first was filed in November. Under Maine law seven people and a Justice of the Peace must sign incorporation papers. Changes in an application must take place within the grace period.

A spokesperson for the group told GCN that a member of the Maine Civil Liberties Union Board had contacted them and it appeared that support might be forthcoming on that quarter. Gay Support and Action is one of Maine's most active homophile organizations and virtually the only one to have attracted grass roots support at the local level.

Attempts by GCN to reach the Assistant Attorney General were unsuccessful. He did not return the calls.

ORONO—Susan Henderson, Secretary of the Wilde-Stein Club has released a tentative schedule for Symposium II, Maine's second gay conference. Registration will begin on Friday, April 4 to be followed on Saturday with workshops and guest speakers. Sunday will feature a pancake breakfast followed by an outing to Mount Desert Island. Steve Bull, Chairperson of W-SC, was reported to have met recently with the President of the University. Bull was asked not to publicize the Symposium in the straight press at the present time. Last year's conference drew much attention in the media and was said to have made the President grumpy.

SOCIAL NOTES—Roger Brown, Bowdoin College student has been hired as a receptionist-office coordinator for the new LAMBDA Project at the Charles Street Meetinghouse in Boston. Congratulations to Gordon and Langdon in celebrating their twentieth anniversary together. Riotous soiree held in their honor at Ron's Farm. Nice to hear also about Peter and John and Steve and Steven and Karen and Ann. MGTF Coordinators all. Mercy! And spring's not even here yet. Billy Smith of Bangor in Bean Town for theatre and things. Strange to see him in business drag.

PROFESSIONALS

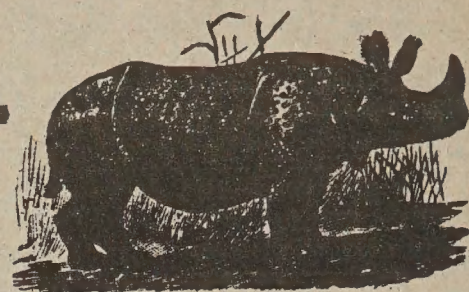
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identity and resources to deal with unpredictable consequences, a sense of his or her goals in taking such a political action, and a careful choice of time, place, and circumstances to maximize effectiveness. Most reactions have been positive, and as one participant suggested, quoting Franklin Roosevelt, it may be that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself".

1270 WATERLOGGED

BOSTON—Bob White's 1270 was closed on Saturday night, January 18th, because of flooding due to a broken water main. The bar re-opened Sunday at 3 pm and the EntreNous fleamarket, which was originally planned for Sunday, was postponed until a later date.

news notes



RHINO SHOW ENDS

Rhinoceros—the WBCN-FM radio show, the gay cultural show, heard at 6:15 P.M. Thursday under Linda Lachman and John Scagliotti has been cancelled by the station manager. Reason: lack of a large enough listening audience.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 1975

AMHERST, MASS.—A conference for women who are involved with universities as staff, faculty and students will be held at U/Mass. January 21-25, 1975. Workshops on lesbian issues will be on Jan. 21 from 7-9 P.M. (Local Lesbian Issues—A discussion for lesbians only about gay women on campus and in the community), Jan. 23 from 7-9 P.M. (In or Out of the Closet—For lesbians only to discover the effects of coming out publicly), Jan. 24 from 7-9 P.M. (Introduction to Lesbianism—Basic information and consciousness-raising). Daycare will be provided. Pre-registration is not required, but for more information, contact Everywoman's Center, Goodell Hall, U/Mass., Amherst, Mass. 01002.

COLLEGE ENGLISH COMES OUT

College English teachers everywhere will be happy to hear that The Official Journal of the National Council of Teachers of English which is entitled "College English" has

come out with a gay issue. The November 1974 issue, volume 36, number 3, has two guest editors, Rictor Norton and Louie Crew. The issue is called "The Homosexual Imagination—in the classroom—in literature—in criticism". Along with the articles, there appears to be a good resource listing in the back. A copy of this issue costs \$2 and can be obtained either from your library or from NCTE, 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

'DYKES' EXPANDS

GENESEO, NEW YORK (The Empty Closet)—*Dykes Unite*, a publication born at the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations conference in Rochester, October 1973, has announced plans to expand coverage in several areas, and to change their name to *The New Woman's Times*.

Coverage of the new paper will include news features, coverage of women making news, art, music, a calendar of events, book reviews, sports, women in history, etc. The paper is presently written in Rochester and Geneseo, but the scope is national.

Subscriptions are \$3.00 for one year. Publication of the first issue is planned for 15 January 1975. Subscriptions may be mailed to The New Woman's Times, SUC Geneseo, Fraser Box 354, Geneseo, New York 14454.

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By TOM CARUSO

STORRS—Despite setbacks, UCONN's Gay Alliance is looking for increased recognition on the isolated, rural campus that comprises the main branch of the University of Connecticut. The problems, ranging from student apathy and loss of past leadership in the group, were compounded by the recent fire which destroyed the UCONN Women's Center—a source of support and office space for the group.

Perhaps the most promising occurrence is the increased funding that the alliance will receive this semester from the UCONN Student Government. In addition, a sociology course called "Perspectives on the

Homosexual Experience" will be offered this semester as a result of input by the group. The alliance was also successful in convincing the Student Health Center to sponsor a weekly "Gay-Straight Rap."

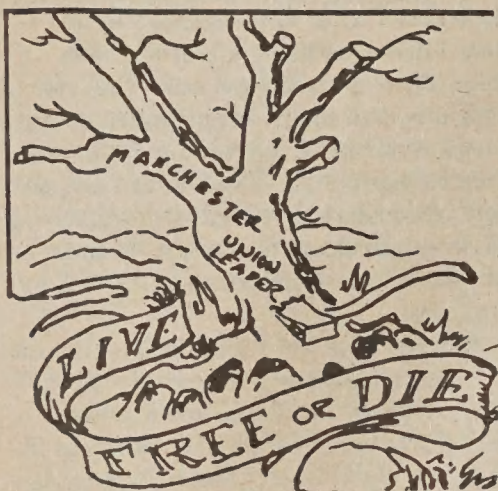
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NEW HAVEN—A group of Connecticut feminists, led by Yale graduate student Chris Pattee, are gathering support for a state anti-discrimination statute. The bill, untitled as of now, would add "sexual orientation" to the list of qualifications for which discrimination is prohibited.

The bill would ban discrimination for reasons of "sexual orientation" in the public sector of employment, accommodations, membership rights, licensing, and funding. Although details of the bill were

not completed at press time, the proposed statute will likely provide for a fine for "any person who, by his advertisement, ridicules or holds up to contempt any person or class of person, on account of creed, religion, color, denomination, nationality, race, or sexual orientation."

During the past three years, bills designed to ban discrimination for reasons of "sexual orientation" have not gotten very far in the state legislature. In 1972, a bill along this line reached the floor of the State Senate, but was defeated. However, in the following two years, the bill failed even to clear the committee studying it. The overwhelming Democratic majority in both houses (better than 75%) makes success for such a bill much more likely this year, though. The prospects for passage also appear brighter because State Senator Neiditz, head of the "Human Rights and Opportunities Committee" which must first study the bill, has indicated support for it.



New Hampshire News

By SU BORDEN

Things are currently going very slowly for New Hampshire's Daughters of Bilitis chapter. "You never know, though things go really slowly for a long time and then all of a sudden they speed up," says Ginger, co-founder of the N.H. DOB.

DOB had a get together ("the word meeting scares off younger people, and the older ones don't know what a rap is") on December 21st, and six people came. Snow and cold weather as well as the holidays kept people away, Ginger and Miriam, the other co-founder say.

Ginger and Miriam live in the rural town of Northwood, NH. They are responsible for all NH DOB activities. A suggestion to have officers when the organization started three years ago was turned down by DOB members, leaving all the work to the co-founders.

Getting to people who would be interested in the DOB is the organization's biggest problem. They can't advertise openly because that would put Miriam's teaching job in jeopardy.

Answering mail is a big project for Miriam and Ginger. They have received over 100 letters in the last three years from lesbians in rural NH, Maine and Vermont. Many of these letters were from women who had never met another gay person.

DOB has had picnics and get-togethers monthly since it started. They will, however, not plan any activities until this spring. The small attendance at the last meeting and the quickening of pace in Ginger and Miriam's business life are cited as reasons.

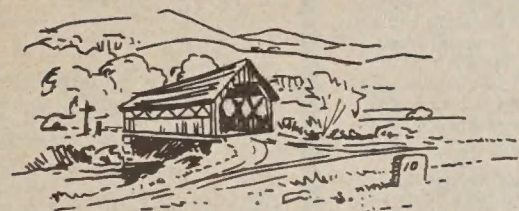
BAY VILLAGE STABBING

A 24-year old Brighton man was accosted by about ten men early Monday morning, January 12, as he was leaving The Other Side. William Arrington, of 9 Fidelis Way, Brighton, told police he was leaving the bar at about 2:30 A.M. when the men approached him, knocked him to the ground, and stabbed him with knives.

Arrington, who said he was standing in the area waiting for a friend, was admitted to the Emergency Ward at Boston City Hospital at 3:45 A.M. accompanied by his friend. He was treated for multiple stab wounds in the abdomen and side, and his name was placed on the danger list. He

was released 36 hours later.

In other Bay Village news, the *Boston Globe* reported last week that former Attorney General Robert Quinn has entered the controversy surrounding the two gay bars, Jacques and The Other Side. Quinn, who was considered the state's most vociferous and highest-placed opponent of gay rights, has appeared before the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission as a character witness in support of the position of the owners of the two bars, Carmine and Henry Vara, in the long-standing conflict between the two bars and the area residents.



Vermont Covered Bridge

By BJORN

BURLINGTON—In late October, Gay In Vermont (GIV) asked to rent the Next Thing in Burlington for their usual monthly dance. GIV was refused rental on the grounds that during the last dance there had been damage to the toilet (it had stopped up and had overflowed onto the floor below) as well as damage to a papier mache chicken which serves as a sort of mascot for a graphics business on the same floor. There were also complaints from the two tenants on the same floor and from the landlord on the floor below. The Next Thing also gave as grounds for their refusal the fact that the space on 73 Church Street now serves as their office. Previously, it had been only a meeting space with their offices in the UVM Counseling and Testing Building. It should be noted that the Next Thing is not a part of the University of Vermont. Another reason the Next Thing gave for not allowing GIV the use of their facilities was that they had a new policy of not letting their space be used for widely advertised functions with large numbers of people or where food and drink would be served. This is understandable since the space is now their office. However, since their refusal to use the space for a night time dance, they have allowed their facilities to be used for an advertised open-house that was open to the public.

GIV, along with other members of the gay community, made an effort to see the director of the Next Thing to discuss why GIV wasn't informed of the alleged incidents immediately after the preceding dance in September. GIV had been holding dances at the Next Thing on a monthly basis—and even on a bi-monthly basis for a while—along with open houses the day after the dances. This had been going on for a period of one year. The GIV members who set up the dance watched the admission's money table (which was right next to the papier mache mascot). These same GIV members closed the Next Thing and cleaned up the next day. They were totally unaware of any damage to the toilet or to the papier mache mascot. There is considerable feeling from the gay community that the Next Thing's new policies and decisions are specifically anti-gay. However, relations with the Next Thing in the past have been cordial and there have been no previous

problems. There was an incident last winter with the plumbing which was repaired—it is an old building with old plumbing—but no suggestion was made at that time to discontinue the dances.

The first meeting with the Next Thing's Director was cancelled by GIV because none of the GIV members could make it on such short notice. A second meeting was set up and representatives of the gay community, 3 men from two different groups, 3 women one of who was a member of the Feminist Union, were present but the director of the Next Thing never appeared. A note was left, signed by all, asking for a new meeting but the Next Thing has never replied.

Because of winter holidays and efforts at re-organization in both of the gay mens groups as well as changes in membership, no alternative places and times for dances have been set up.

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BURLINGTON—Gay In Vermont has had a post office box for some time expressly so people could contact Vermont gay organizations. They also have two phone numbers, listed in the Quick Gay Guide on page 11.

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BURLINGTON—There will be a short play called "Touchpoint" performed by the Unity Players followed by a dance at the University of Vermont on January 25th at 8:00 at the Southwick Ballroom on the Redstone Campus. A donation of \$1.00 is being requested. All are invited.

Every other Sunday from seven to eight o'clock on 90.1 MHz, WRUV-FM, Burlington After Dark, a gay radio show can be heard in the Greater Burlington Area. The subject for the first show of 1975 on January 19th will be lesbianism. The show is being done by gay women. The next show can be heard on Sunday February 2nd.

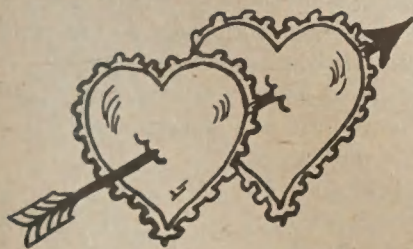
This column is still in need of a lesbian reporter to share the news and views of gay people in Vermont. Interested persons should write or call GCN or the Goddard Gay Student Organization.

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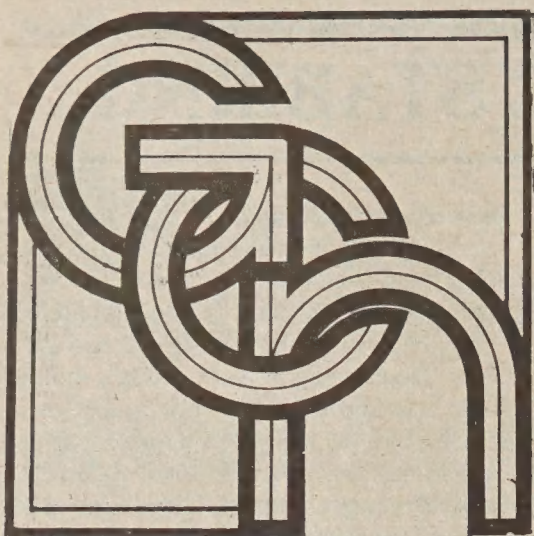
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Item of note from "Sports Illustrated", January 13, 1975

...Tilden simply was tennis in the public mind: Tilden and Tennis, it was said, in that order...But he was not merely eccentric, he was the greatest irony in sport: to a game that suffered a "sissy" reputation he gave a swashbuckling, virile, athletic image, although he was, in fact, a homosexual, the only great athlete we know to have been one.

Maybe it's all right to be an acknowledged homosexual in the arts and not to be public in the sports world. If this is the case, one wonders why. Are we ourselves trapped in the stereotypes that the straight world sets for us, and if so why?

There's room for much thought and research on this—and one wonders if it would lead to an all gay football conference or tennis tournament or even a gay sports page in GCN.

[If you know of any names to add to the Bill Tilden list—please let us know.]

From "Gay Mystique" by Peter Fisher, Stein and Day, 1973.

In America, homosexuality has flourished in many of the occupations which are considered to be most masculine. Athletes, lumberjacks, truck drivers, forest rangers, construction workers, cattlemen—any profession where men have little contact with women encourages both homosexuality and attracts homosexuals.

explained

Charley Shively's patronizing air is typical of professional defenders of the oppressed. We are informed that all users of alcohol or tobacco are "addicted." As for the poor gays themselves, Charley divides them into two groups—drag queens and hustlers. And their appearance: "seedy, pimples, bleached wigs, clothing that fit odd and looked funny in daylight." Really, Charley, some of us do take showers.

But this should not surprise us. Socialist-anarchists have never been particularly close friends of the gay community. Does anyone remember the Isle of Pines?

Thom Willenbecher

styx sticks

Dear GCN:

A few weeks ago I called Styx to ask if there was a cover on weekends. Before that, I had been there five or six times since it had become a gay bar. The woman who answered the phone informed me that, "...we are a MALE gay bar and intend to keep to that policy." Needless to say, not only was I angry, but I was also wondering about the consciousness of the woman in particular and of the management of Styx in general.

Because I dig the atmosphere and music at Styx, and because I realize the "policy" there is simply the management's own brand of sexism and not the consensus of the gay community, I went back, but was disappointed to see that fewer and fewer

women are going there.

Styx could be the one place in town where we can all dance and enjoy and relax!
Pamela Martin

NEED OF THE WEEK

Interested in the legislative process? Want some in-house training? Rep. Elaine Noble needs volunteers to help her in the State House to do legislative aide and secretarial tasks. You should apply only if you are able to work well and fulfill your commitment. As a first-term representative she has no aide or secretarial help, so regular time is of the essence. Qualifications—hard working record and knowledge and interest in gay rights. Contact Rep. Noble at the Education Committee, Room 473G, State House.

view from the other side

To The Editors:

For some two and one half years, we at The Other Side and Jacques have been involved in defending ourselves against a scenario of attempts to close the two bars produced and directed by a few Bay Village residents, ably performed and assisted by various friends in the media and officialdom, and obviously abetted by some people motivated solely by a desire for personal financial gain. Despite open invitations to all of the officials, semi-officials and media people to visit the bars, and the neighborhood or to discuss the alleged problems with the owners and managers of Jacques and The Other Side, none of those so knowledgeable of the problems have bothered to visit us or speak to us (and this includes Barney Frank, Larry DiCara and even David Brill). Perhaps, on GCN's invitation to explore, it is time for some of "the other side" of the story to get into

print.

On at least one score, let us set the record straight: Jacques was licensed immediately after repeal of prohibition in 1933; The Other Side was opened in the Fall of 1967 under the license formerly belonging to the Nile Restaurant on the same site; The Punch Bowl was scheduled for demolition and relocation under the 1965 South Cove Urban Renewal Plan, which plan was effectuated in 1969 and funds were paid to relocate the business at the side of The Other Side (The Punch Bowl license itself was sold and transferred to The Cave at a later date). Also for the record, no violations of law or conditions of the license of either Jacques or The Other Side has been charged or upheld by the Licensing Board or the ABCC in the last six years. It is also a matter of record that in that same six year period, residential property values have more than doubled and rentals tripled in Bay Village. Also a matter of record is that the bar owners are the individual largest owners of residential properties in Bay Village, and the founder and President of the incorporated Bay Village Neighborhood Association has lived in Bay Village for nearly twenty years, manages nearly half of the residential property in Bay Village, rents nearly 60% of the apartments in Bay Village, works for the Napoleon Club, and has never managed, rented, bought or sold property for the bar owners or managers.

Now to the facts—or lack of them—as alleged by a few neighbors and David Brill (GCN, Vol. 2 No. 30, Jan. 18, 1975). The attorney for the Bars stated at a recent hearing that the mere constant repetition of a false statement does not make it true. Nowhere is the applicability of this statement more apparent than in regards to the statements made regarding Bay Village, Jacques and The Other Side.

1. It is alleged that there is a great amount of illegal parking in Bay Village by patrons of Jacques and The Other Side. Facts: There is a great deal of illegal parking in Bay Village 24 hours every day, and while some bar patrons obviously park illegally, most patrons walk to the area or come by cab, and clearly the presence of many other entertainment attractions in the immediate area contributes a great deal to illegal parking.

2. It is alleged that the noise level in the streets is intolerable. Facts: Even the closest residents to the bars do not claim any special noise except for a period of five or ten minutes at closing time, and the most vocal local complainants live 3 to 6 blocks from the bars.

3. It is alleged that the area is infected with prostitution. Facts: In the first ten months of 1974, there were 12 arrests for prostitution in Bay Village, among 1,300 such arrests in the rest of Division One (including 240 such arrests within twelve blocks of Sporters). Almost all of the prostitution arrests alleged to be bar-related among the 42 so-called "incidents" around the area from January 1973 through April, 1974 were located in Park Square (Trailways, Statler, Teddy Bear, etc.).

4. Violence is alleged as rampant in and outside the bars. Facts: Bay Village has the lowest rate of crimes against the person of any residential area in the city—including the Fenway, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, etc. A large reason for the low violence rate is the constant presence at night-time of uniformed detailed police officers,

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TO LOOK, TO BOOGIE, TO DREAM SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE 1270

By DAVID EMERSON SMITH

"One of the best bars I've been to and I've been all over the country," said the first woman I spoke with across a pool cue in 1270's downstairs bar.

"Men and women mix freely down here; we buy each other drinks, say hello," Ms. O (as she wished to be called) was obviously Bob White's spy who came in from the cold and she boasted. "You have three floors, you can go upstairs and blow your mind if you want; it's the best."

Ms. O returned to a waiting lady as I spotted a young male hanging onto a Black Label at a corner table. Don was avoiding someone upstairs; and he had come down here because it was less crowded. "I feel more relaxed at 1270; I come here to get away from the world"; and I presume, downstairs, to get away from his mysterious other.

At quarter past ten, the downstairs bar was filling fast. Already a dozen or so quarters lined the bar side of the two pool tables when I met Ms. Sharon Turner.

Sharon volunteered her feelings aggressively: "Downstairs you have a lot of pool players and people who are basically lonely." She cleared some hair from her face. "I wouldn't come here if I were happy with my person. I don't come here to find anyone who is ready for a relationship; I just come here to have a good time, to forget, to be occupied."

High on purpose and beer perhaps, she continued, "I like 1270 better than the Saint's because the atmosphere is varied; and there are more types." Asked about men who frequent the downstairs bar she



offered a final classic line, "I'm not a man hater, some of my best friends are....."

At eleven, finishing off my third tequilla sunrise, I cruised my way to the street level bar. I approached several men in their early 20's, drinking and talking to the right of a grand piano. Wayne, a lanky love, said, "I'm from New York. I come here because it is the only bar I know; I come here to meet someone, to find a lover, but I don't think I'll ever find anyone."

Ray who stood nearby offered this, "I come here to have a good time and to be with my friends. I come here all the time; it has a nice atmosphere, friendly people, good music and a DJ. The middle bar is a good place to relax and to socialize before I go upstairs and dance. I find a nice community here with little or no violence in the streets."

At half past eleven, I ordered another tequilla sunrise. The bartender said it was a little slow for a Saturday. It didn't seem

slow; there was a line out to the sidewalk.

To the right of the piano, I met Jack, 36, salt and pepper hair, "I come here 'cause I like blue collar people. I go to the Citadel and Sporters, too, but prefer 1270 if I'm cruising and not with a date."

"The 1270 is getting somewhat trashy because it's picking up the Cabaret crowd. I mean an adult-oriented bi-sexual crowd. And I think that's the death of a gay bar."

To See Friends

Just then I cornered Tom, in his late twenties, mustache, black sweater and blue jeans, the basic Sporter's dress. He confessed he had been a regular at Sporter's for three years but for the last year and a half he had been coming to the 1270.

"I come to see friends. I enjoy listening to the piano if I'm in the right mood. I prefer a place that looks like Styx with the relaxed atmosphere of 1270. I'm having a good time tonight but I'd rather be doing other things with gays, other social things." Tom is the owner of three straight bars in Boston.

Onward and upward, not busy for a Saturday night? It was like Bourbon Street at Mardi Gras time. I floated through a sea of bodies and ordered another, that's right, sunrise.

I slid, sunrise and all to the little alcove between the upstairs rest rooms, a favorite spectator's gallery and recovery ward for danced out lovelys.

Standing next to me, hanging onto a man and a woman was Michael, with frizzy hair and army fatigues, "I usually go to Styx; tonight I wanted to come to Hollywood. I have to check out the beautiful people."

His friends broke up as he continued, "Listen, it beats cruising the Fenway and answering ads in the Phoenix."

Several Black males to the right of the rear bar flagged me down, they felt that they had been discriminated by a certain bartender.

John, the spokesman for the group said, "I think that there should be more black or rather more contemporary black music."

About 1:00 a.m., after a little boogie-time, I began rapping with a beautiful Gay brother, outside and in. Bruce Beck was the topping on the sundae or sunrise.

Dungarees, blonde hair, Bruce had just moved from Atlantic City where he was a bartender at Dirty Edna's, a gay bar. "The DJ at Dirty Edna's was right up to date and this DJ compares favorably with that."

He was so upfront and proud. I asked him about the Gay organizations in town. "I like the gay orgs for the rap sessions and here for the good times. But I feel we need both."

My notes begin to resemble hieroglyphics, how many sunrises, I lost count.

Last call, and here are some anonymous remarks, "It's monstrously wonderful because (DIDDO) is here." "My slip is showing." "Pink flamingos are everywhere." "It's wicked." "It beats sitting home, petting the cat." "It's like the Coconut Grove in 1942."

Exodus. I found my friends hanging onto their earlobes in the downstairs bar as everyone sang happy birthday to Vivian. Vivian, 21, was very stoned and gay. "I went to my mother's wedding today and when all my friends were here tonight, it was a blowout." Happy birthday Vivian and sweet dreams.

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requested and paid for by the bars, in our effort to keep our neighborhood trouble-free. It is ironic that we can be criticized for hiring police details to patrol our neighborhood by the very people who would complain most if crime in the area were as severe as elsewhere in the city.

5. It is alleged that the campaign against the bars is not anti-gay. Facts: Every newspaper article or T.V. news item has emblazoned the words "Gay Bars" as headlines. In spite of disclaimers which follow, it is obvious that public indignation is sought to be spurred by the gay reference, and that without the gay overtones, no one would listen. Surely the oft-repeated slogan that the campaign is not anti-gay does not make it so.

6. It is alleged that "homophobes and fag-rollers" are attracted to the bars. Facts: The so-called non anti-gay media campaign has obviously brought its share of sight-seers to Bay Village—it has also brought its share of street drags performing for sight-seers. A moratorium on the publicity unwanted by the bars and the majority of Bay Village residents, combined with the judicious use of police details would easily discourage sightseeing. The truth is that the incidences of violence against gays in and around Bay Village are negligible when compared to such statistics compiled in the Fenway, on the Block, The Esplanade on Beacon Hill.

7. It is alleged that the bars do not support the gay community. Facts: Jacques, The Punchbowl and The Other Side are the longest-running "gay bars" in Boston under continuing ownership. Virtually every major law reform or police attitude

change in relation to the congregation of gay people in the city was brought about by the political and legal activity of these bars; among these are the permittal of drag, female impersonators onstage and allowing paid police details to protect gays. Perhaps most important was the closing of The Other Side for five months in 1968 to win the legal battle which allowed gay people to dance together in public places.

8. It is alleged that we did not support Elaine Noble and that we sought to defeat her by supporting Joe Cimino. Facts: I and many of my employees contributed financially to Elaine Noble's campaign—to my knowledge, no such contributions were made to Mr. Cimino's campaign. Ms. Noble does not represent our district and never once during her campaign did Ms. Noble ask for our support or speak to us with reference to her campaign—and by the way, Mr. Cimino did speak to us with regard to his specific legislative proposals for gay people. I cannot see how my failure publicly to act in Ms. Noble's campaign reflects on the right of the bars to exist, nor can I see that the mere public disclosure that Ms. Noble is gay demands my endorsement. If Richard Nixon proclaimed that he was gay, I still would not support Watergate. I wish Ms. Noble well, and I shall be an interested observer of her legislative performance, hoping that she will speak for the aspirations of all gay people.

9. Lastly, it is alleged that we are somehow sinister, and therefore unworthy of support by the gay community. Facts: This is an old, sad cliché. Surely the path of violence would have been safer or surer than our choice to use the courts to protect our rights. Surely someone could have been charged with a crime over these

many years. Surely we would have used the ruse of hidden ownership for the twenty or so businesses we operate under our own names. By the way, the Varas sued Dr. Geoghegan for saying that they bribed the Licensing Board, a charge which, if true, would make them forfeit every license they held. Dr. Geoghegan does not deny saying it, he cannot prove it, he says he believes it to be true, and the only evidence he offers is that the Board did not close the bars for no reason other than his urging. Are we to be impressed by the idea that every time you lose—the other guy cheated?

There are a number of other mis-truths or half-truths in Mr. Brill's article: For one, his indication that Cabaret supported gays is outrageous. Any business which claims to support gays by failing to pay them, by not filing tax returns, or paying taxes so they may collect unemployment or tax refunds, by claiming every gay manager was a thief, when they themselves in fact stole the money, forces all people to believe all the bad there is about gays. For another, the cover charge by Jacques and The Other Side is the only legal charge which may be made. The February, 1974 regulation of the Commonwealth makes it illegal to charge a fee upon admission for which drinks are to be given for tickets, or otherwise. Likewise, a minimum charge is illegal. Perhaps Mr. Brill ought to check his law—and the identity of the people in his laundry—before promoting an illegal charge.

I sincerely believe that the only future for the active enjoyment of gay life in the world is for gay people to get over themselves and come out of the closet of insularization. Every present effort to enhance

the gay life is directed at making gayness a regular part of society, but the constant effort of many gays to eliminate anyone but gays from their public life can only make the reforms suspect. Perhaps by opening the blinds to let the sunshine in—by exposing heterosexuals and bisexuals to the good life of unafraid gay people—by promoting a change in attitudes through the good will of social interaction—society will forget the gay-straight dichotomy and the world will know a little better how to get along with itself.

So far the slogan of the gay media campaign has been "come out, come out, wherever you are"; perhaps this can change to "come in, come in, whoever you are". Maybe the time has come to invite the rest of the world to join us to find out what *they* are missing.

Very truly yours,
Frank Cashman
for The Other Side
Jacques

P.S. Come out, come out David Brill, wherever you are, the only people who may kill you are the well-meaning straights in your political closet.

Frank Cashman has been kind enough to provide the space that this letter occupies. In no way is this to be construed as editorial endorsement of Mr. Cashman's position. This is the only way a letter of such length could appear in GCN.

MR. BRILL REPLIES:

Mr. Cashman's interest is appreciated; I will, however, stick to my facts as printed, and would also point out to the gay community Mr. Cashman's apparent bewilderment at the thought of a homosexual actually preaching morality.

PAUL MARIAH—

GAY POET; PRISON POET

By JONATHAN CROSS

Paul Mariah, poet, gay activist, and editor, with Richard Tagett, of *Man-Root*, a gay, mostly male, poetry quarterly out of San Francisco, came to Boston last week; our Good Gay Poets sponsored his well-attended reading at the Meetinghouse.

I knew Mariah as a "prison poet" and had read his slim volume of prison-poems: *Personae Non Gratae* (1967), now in its second printing by Shameless Hussy Press, in San Lorenzo. The *Personae* poems are loose, unstructured, anti-literary memoirs of prison routines, prison friendships, and the inhumanity of the System, which Mariah calls "The Electric Holding Company." He writes simply, without rhetorical gestures, often without anger—about such things as taming a lizard in the prison yard, naming it Kierkegaard, and feeding it "water thru a straw/ during the long hot prison summers." *Personae* seems written by a watcher, an observer. Relationships must be established on the sly—loneliness is the great unstated fact of the book.

At the Meetinghouse, the ugly, vaulted room was cold, the microphone was dead, and the spotlight was dazzling in his eyes, but Paul Mariah brushed back his long blond hair and grinned; his teeth are very

white. Though the small crowd was close and friendly, and Mariah must have read his poems a hundred times, he was endearingly, nervous.

Mariah reads gently, musically, finding and imposing almost song-like patterns on his words, feeling for rhymes within and



between the lines, discovering an organization and a coherence, a will, behind the poems that I had not perceived.

His "influences" are not obvious ones: he mentions Robert Duncan as a teacher and reads part of a long *festschrift* poem in Duncan's honour. He sounds, at times, in his simplicity of diction and his easy sexuality, a bit like Ferlinghetti, and there are occasional echoes or reminders of Lowell, especially in the madness poems "Conversations With Insanity," poems both funny and terrifying and very sad.

Mariah's subjects, perhaps inevitably, are the outcasts of America—its prisoners, its victims, its pariahs. He spells out—sometimes hilariously—the misadventures and *contretemps* of his own gay world, what he calls his "gay phenomenology," and the tone of the result is nonlyrical, unpolished and wincingly direct.

Those who would seek a taste of Mariah's style should read his long, touching prison poem in the current (Winter, 1975), *Fag Rag*. Two very different Oriental-feeling pieces in the "second issue" of Andrew Bifrost's "Poetry Journal of Male Love": *Mouth of the Dragon*, demonstrate the range and variety of Mariah's voice.



Have you been Proposition-ed lately?

Review By EDWARD ANNEX

Four bright talents play improvisation to perfection with light-hearted teamwork. The show "Proposition" has been at 241 Hampshire Street for seven years, and there are no signs of itch appearing.

The two-hour show races away; the scintillating cast dips into all manner of foolery, social satire and hilarious imagination based on audience cues.

The cast is vocally strong; their operas, Rogers and Hammerstein musicals and rock group renditions are good. You can see that a lot of preparation goes into the show.

Of course, it is improvisation and sometimes the skits just don't make it. A piece on Fire Island, requested by the audience, fell flat. And maybe the second topic—abortion—just isn't funny, even in Sioux Falls.

There's a buoyancy that's equivalent to sharing a good talk with friends. Go, even if you've gone before. These people are good.



OFF THE BOOK SHELF

PRE-CHRISTOPHER STREET GAYS MAKE HISTORY

The Early Homosexual Rights Movement (1864-1935)

by John Lauritsen and David Thorstad
89 pp. New York: Times Change Press \$2.25

Review By TOM MYLES

One would never think that Gay Liberation began in 1864. I suppose that those in the movement now like to think of themselves as pioneers, but the struggle for equal rights is far from new, as John Lauritsen and David Thorstad point out. This small but informative book, *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement (1864-1935)* is a history of the struggle for gay rights. The present phase of organized protest, in the past ten or so years, is really Phase Two.

The book traces the gay struggle from its earliest known beginnings in Germany, or more properly, Prussia, as it was then called. In 1871 the Second Reich added to the penal code a provision called Paragraph 175 which made all homosexual acts illegal. There was an immediate protest in the form of a famous letter from a Hungarian doctor by the name of Benkert. Benkert was the person, by the way, who devised the term "homosexuality" in the first place.

The first Gay Liberation organization, also German, was the Scientific Humanitarian Committee. Its lifespan was approximately thirty-five years, beginning in 1897. The Committee, as it was known, published an annual yearbook, to which we are greatly indebted today for our knowledge of the early gay rights movement. The Committee sent speakers on special engagements, sometimes even on international

tours. It was the European center for publication of literature dealing with homosexuality. But its main activist focus was its petition campaign against Paragraph 175, a campaign that never was to succeed.

The authors point out that lesbians played a small role in the early movement, mainly because the anti-homosexual laws applied only to men. Then, as now, lesbians of social awareness concentrated their energies on the broader women's movement.

There was even a gay film produced as early as 1919 entitled "Anders als die Andern" ("Different from Other People"). The German government banned it immediately, however. As far as is known, no copies of it have survived to the present day.

Gay Liberation was an international phenomenon during the early twentieth century. Unfortunately there is almost no known American gay rights activity in the period covered by the book. In England there was an organized protest in the 1890's during the sodomy trials of Oscar Wilde, but the popular feeling against Wilde was too strong, such that any protests from homosexuals only increased public hostility toward Wilde.

Homosexuals during the period covered by the book were probably treated best in the Soviet Union between the years 1917 and 1935. The Bolshevik government did away with all laws against homosexuals in 1917 in the sweeping reforms which occurred after the Russian Revolution. In

fact, at the 1928 International Congress of the World League for Sexual Reform, the Soviet Union's legislation was held up as a model in two resolutions passed by the congress, which had delegates from most European countries. The Stalinist Era, in its revolt against the Leninist Era, introduced legislation in 1934 providing imprisonment for up to eight years for homosexual acts.

The World Wars brought with them setbacks for gay rights. World War One saw the disintegration of gay liberation organizations as all available young men on both sides went to the front.

The situation during World War Two was much worse. The bourgeois media linked homosexuality to fascism in its propaganda. The fascist position on homosexuality, however, was one based on "Christian Virtue," i.e. there were Nazi raids of terror on homosexuals; gays in the military were routinely shot without trial; and the Nazi concentration camps had a special insignia for homosexuals: a pink triangle worn on the left side of the jacket and on the right leg of the trousers, a mark of certain death.

Gay Liberation died in World War Two, confronted by Nazi terrorism on one side and anti-Nazi propaganda on the other. The country where the movement began was also where it ended, which shows that liberation by necessity must be an ongoing struggle to keep whatever rights have been won. As a minority, homosexuals have been forced to be scapegoats throughout

history; we should be thus aware of our vulnerability to the enormous forces of prejudice.

I think every gay person should read this excellent book. In my opinion, what gay liberation needs today is a good sense of historical consciousness, a knowledge that there is a past to learn from. As the truth about famous homosexuals is gradually becoming known, the truth about the first phase of the struggle should likewise become common knowledge. My only gripe is that the book is expensive (\$2.25 paperback, \$6.95 hardcover), considering its length, a brief 89 pages. But Times Change Press claims to be non-profit, which is probably true, given the chaos of the present book publishing world. The book is well worth \$2.25, with all the careful and accurate documentation of a college history text. It is the main text in a self-taught course in gay history that we should all take.

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Edinburgh: A Minority Report

By MIKE WHITE

One of the less-publicized actions taken by the First International Gay Rights Congress held last month in Edinburgh was the overwhelming endorsement of a proposal drafted in the Sexual Minorities workshop, one of a number of special-interest groups which met each day of the four-day Congress. The proposal asked the newly formed International Gay Organization to condemn the oppression within the gay movement of paedophiles, sadomasochists, transvestites and others by self-appointed "normal" gays in their pathetic parody of the way we—all of us—are treated by straight society. As Americans, we were reminded that our peculiarly American zeal for civil-rights legislation is only the first step in a long struggle to change the economic and social conditions that created homophobia. Without a change in attitudes—or total separatism, if that were possible—civil-rights laws will be as unenforceable as the laws which stand *against* us now.

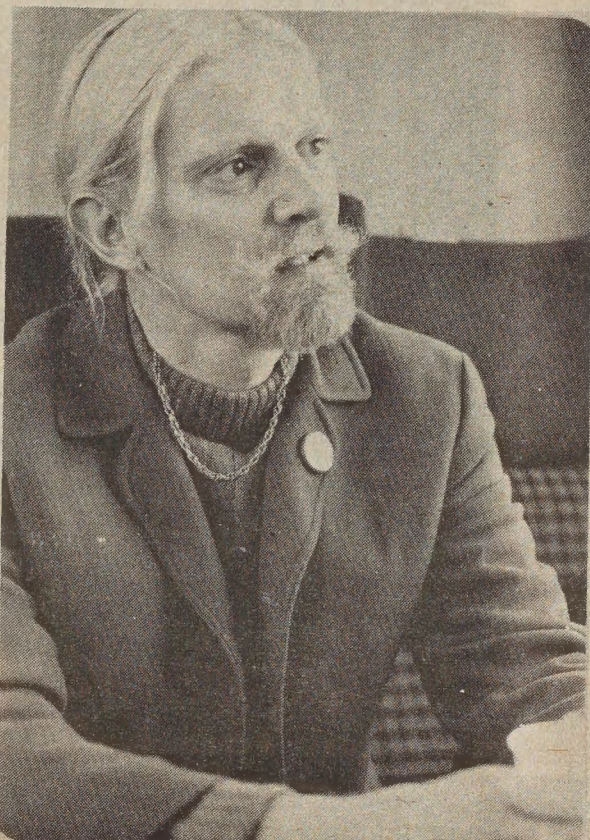
Gay Liberation more than anything else is a process of communication. The old story of the closet gay making it in the straight world and betraying other gays is being replaced by an even more sinister phenomenon: open gays who "feel repulsed" by S/M, who can't understand why any man would want to wear a dress, and who certainly wouldn't fight for the rights of "child molesters"—or for the rights of people under eighteen to do as they please. If we are afraid to damage our new bridges to the straight world, we are being misled by a metaphor. "Straightness" is not like "Russia," some unknown but malevolent force obviously outside of us; it is the repression of things inside ourselves. We are not fighting for acceptance into another world, but for the restructuring of the whole world, and for the appreciation of ourselves, by ourselves.

The International Conference created a special atmosphere. I had read the G.L.F. manifestos from England and the U.S. for years and felt an intellectualized appreciation for the perspectives they gave on the interrelationship of external and internal ("role-playing") oppression, but such empathy was mild in comparison with my new understanding of paedophilia after a few days in the company of one eloquent and articulate man—youngish and pretty; yes, one would hardly have thought...—who successfully defended the beauty and value of his feelings for an eleven-year-old. One would think that anyone who had ever been eleven, or had an eleven-year-old friend, would understand. One would think that anyone who had ever to bed with someone, or had a sexual fantasy, or had ever had any experiences of any kind would understand sadomasochistic feelings, that anyone who had ever worn a beautiful dress or a comfortable set of overalls would understand transvestism, that anyone who had ever tried to escape from a boring octopus would understand asexuality. But one would, of

course, be wrong. Gay Liberation has hardly begun to provide the information that people need just to be able to process the repressed knowledge which they already have.

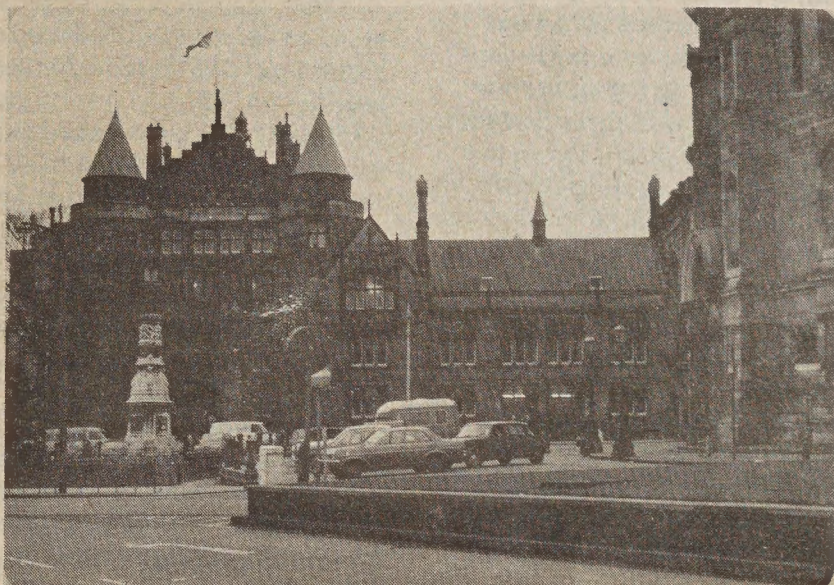
The Conference forced us to confront lifestyles and personalities which we might otherwise have avoided, consciously or un-

consciously. It made it a little less likely that we will continue wandering in the maze of not knowing what we don't know. It introduced us to our fantasies, and we weren't afraid of them. Because, after all, they were Other People. Sort of. How could we have understood them at all unless we had known them all along?



Dr. Bruce Voeller, New York, President of National Gay Task Force.

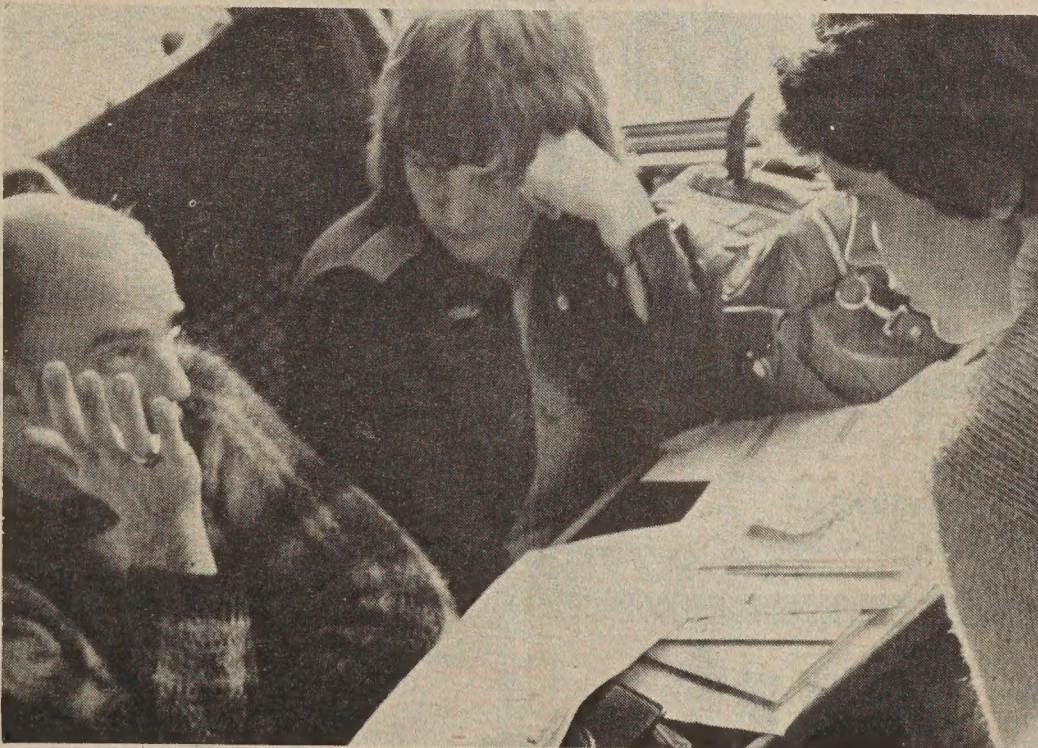
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Student Center, Edinburgh, where the First International Gay Rights Congress was held.



Teresa (New York) and Marilana (Finland) take a break.



Jim Foster (San Francisco chairperson of Whitman Radcliff Foundation); The Hon. Elaine Noble; Ann Maguire conferring on the train.



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Steinem Speaks on Lesbian Issues

By LYN ROSEN

CAMBRIDGE—I was at M.I.T. with all the Ms's Media waiting for Gloria Steinem. The Ms's WBZ and Ms. Globe and I chatted and watched the studio doors. We talked about the 3-hour TV special on the changing relationships between men and women. It was boring, exciting, good for the low-conscious, an insult to the high-conscious, technically this or that.

Ms. Steinem came in with her day's entourage and the conversation stopped. I faded into the group, one of those who made their living in the shadow of the illustrious. As we were all introduced I was made acutely aware that I, a lesbian from a gay paper, received the same kind treatment (I was even introduced first and by name) as the women connected with the more widely-known media.

But then, it was due to Ms. Steinem and the women like her that we all had our jobs. She was the true media expert; a writer, yes, but more than that, she was the skillful manipulator of the male-dominated media. She had used it to create a consciousness that could not ignore women any longer. In 1975, when Gloria Steinem arrived in Boston, she had women to meet her, women to interview her and women to talk to on the TV tape. And a lesbian, well, she's just another woman doing her job. I felt good.

Ms. Steinem sat in the TV chair (the taping was about to begin). She began talking about the special. Apparently, she too, was concerned with the woman's image on TV. She was not thrilled with the show.

I said that the presentation of Deadly Nightshade annoyed me. They were billed

as a woman's rock group, but they were too sweet and girly, I thought. She was glad that they did not imitate "cock-rock," was glad that their woman's group was not based on a male model. Good point, I thought.

The taping began and I started to space out, shut off my ears. Yes, women are good, even equal. Yes, they deserve autonomy, rights over their own bodies, a chance for self-realization. I thought, yes, but what about the women who are already feminists, who love themselves and other women; how can I use the brilliant mind over there to help us to bind together to fight for our rights.

So, when I got her alone, I said, "Listen, International Woman's Year is here. What is that going to mean?"

"I don't know," she answered honestly.

"Well, then, how can we get a lesbian group to address the UN during our year to ask for sexual freedom for people all over the world?"

She said that a recognized group could gain status as a watcher in the UN, but that she wasn't sure how that group got a proposal on the floor. I thought that I shall have to look into it.

I mentioned that NOW was trying for status at the UN and Ms. Steinem said they were, but had not yet gained it. She said she was not sure what the UN would determine was a recognized group.

"Before women were represented by their governments. The International Woman's Year should be a signal for feminists of all countries to reach out to each other."

She was rather upset that the government had only allotted \$350,000.00 to

Woman's Year when other governments had given millions.

I began to dream of lesbians in the UN, lesbians in Washington.

"How can we get a lesbian lobby started in Washington," I asked.

"Set up an office, put heavy-weight people in power who share your issues, make coalitions; then go around and make a nuisance of yourself."

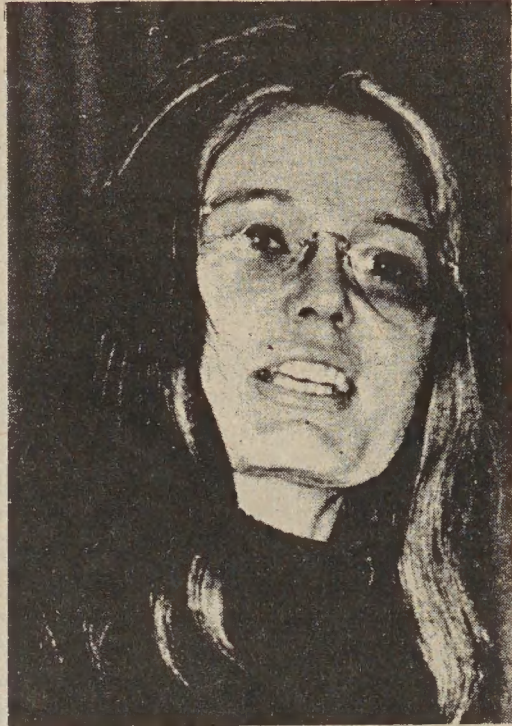


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She hoped, however, that lesbians would not split off from the woman's movement, but that the movement would push for sexual freedom issues. She gave me a copy of the sexual freedom petition that's in

the February issue of *Ms. Magazine*; it requests legislation and will be sent to national and state legislative bodies and already-existing groups that fight for sexual freedom.

I asked her if she felt that lesbians working with men on gay rights issues were taking energy from the woman's movement.

Ms. Steinem had met with the National Gay Task Force in New York. She said that the women there were happy because they had gained half the power positions "after a long battle."

"It's a tactical decision," she said. "I respect their decision, but the women ought to be doing both things because the wording is the same (in the legislation). We ought to be doing both things." Wow Ms. Steinem wants me, the feminist movement needs me. I really feel good. I'm just another sister.

But then, I thought, International Women's Year could do a lot for us if we trusted NOW to speak to the UN for us, if we trusted the women in Washington and state power to remember us, if we won our battles with our gay brothers. I wondered if Ms. Steinem would have waited for men to remember women's issues.

Later, she spoke to a large group at M.I.T. "I had a fantasy," she said. "Women went in and took over Saudi Arabia. Then, with their hands on all the oil rights, they turned to the rest of the world and said, 'Now, deal!'"

I remembered a friend's fantasy, and I took off on it: A group of lesbians take over Martha's Vineyard and secede from the United States. Then, we could turn to the rest of the world and say, "Go screw."

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S&M IS THE GAY WORLD'S BASTARD

By ALLAN STEWART

For most gays, sadomasochism conjures up an image of degenerate reprobates, bastard stepchildren whose illegitimacy and weird behavior make them unfit company. Even gays who should know better, who are perhaps into S&M themselves [though they would never admit it], tend to put down S&M. They know it exists, but look at it scornfully, wishing it would go away and not be a black "blot" in the gay world.

Well it isn't going to happen. S&M has been around as long as gay people, and it's about time people stopped being so uptight about it.

Being into S&M is like being gay. On a one-to-ten scale, homosexuality to heterosexuality, everyone falls somewhere, probably in a classic bell curve. Applying the same scale to gay people interested in S&M, from no interest to exclusive interest, the odds are that the curve would be very much the same. Going another step, the same spread would apply to interested people, between sadism and masochism.

Given that rather arbitrary scale [since there's been no research on the subject, it's an educated guess], you may be into S&M too, like it or not, and no matter what you choose to call your own behavior.

What is S&M anyway? It's usually associated with leather, levis, rough sex, and an overly aggressive butch masculinity. That's not only an unfair image, it's usually not true. More often than not, people into S&M don't even look remotely like the classic stereotypes.

Someone who likes biting, scratching, hitting, and roughness in a sexual encounter is really into S&M. The fluffy queen making bitchy remarks, putting everyone

down with sarcastic, biting digs, is into S&M, too. The fag hag is classically masochistic as well as inhibited about her lesbian nature. The hustler selling his body on a street corner, as well as the score who picks him up, exhibits unresolved S&M behavior, usually masochistic, no matter how tough and butch he tries to look.

Obviously, these people have not "come out" into S&M and would deny vehemently any interest in it. They may be having enough problems just dealing with their own sexuality; they may have not yet even "come out" to being gay. Even so, their behavior is just as much S&M as that of the most dedicated S&M-er who admits his desires and is willing to express a preference openly.

The association with leather is the standard stereotype of S&M. In fact, there is some reason for it. Leather fetishists have generally had some experience with S&M, and most S&M people have had experience with leather, even though they are usually separate trips. Their common bond is a willingness to be open about their sexual preferences and to express it in a more or less public manner. Many leather bars cater to both the leather fetishists and the S&M people, since there is no hard and fast line between them, and that, too, has tended to reinforce people's stereotypes of the super-stud, butch, overly-masculine leather/S&M person.

Many people, not into leather but interested in trying "formalized" S&M, ask two questions. "Isn't S&M dangerous?" they ask, "and how do people get started in S&M?"

The answer to the first question is No, S&M isn't dangerous. For one thing, people with any experience at all have learned to be very sensitive to their partner's desires and limits. For another, people with any sense at all will determine the "scene" and its boundaries before committing themselves.

This might mean a rather more extended conversation than is usually found in the bars or bushes, or it might mean leaning heavily on your intuition about a person. If you can't feel really comfortable

with your partner, and really trust each other, then forget it. Good S&M depends too heavily on trust and empathy. Good S&M won't be a one-nighter, either. It takes time for you to feel each other out, so each session will be a little more together, a little better, a little heavier.

Getting started in S&M is a little harder. First of all, resign yourself to being bottomman for a while; it's the best way to learn. A good bottomman controls much of the action anyway, and it's the best way to learn how it feels to have it happening to you. You may end up, after getting some experience, deciding that you'd rather be a topman, but at least you'll know how it all feels to the other person.

And don't be afraid to admit your interest and your ignorance. If the guy you're talking to has a certain calm, confident, butch air about him, casually bring S&M into the conversation. If he's interested, he'll respond. By being honest about your ignorance, he'll know he has a novice on his hands and act accordingly. Some topmen don't like to make it with novices, but that's their loss. Many people, ordinarily bottommen by preference, will be topman to your novice if they know the situation, and they may make the best teachers.

The final key to your successful introduction to S&M will be your own acceptance of your interest and your honesty in dealing with it and with your partners. Deceit in an S&M scene spells certain disaster.

After finding the right partner and trying S&M a few times, you may decide it's not for you. That's cool; it's not for everyone. But you'll at least have a greater understanding of, and perhaps appreciation for, the appeal and fascination of S&M. When enough people get to that stage, then S&M will rightly take its place as a full member of the gay community and not be treated, any longer, as the bastard stepchild.

[Editor's Note: This article may also apply to S&M lesbians, but it is written by a man and, therefore, left in the masculine. GCN welcomes S&M lesbians to add their own viewpoint on the subject.]

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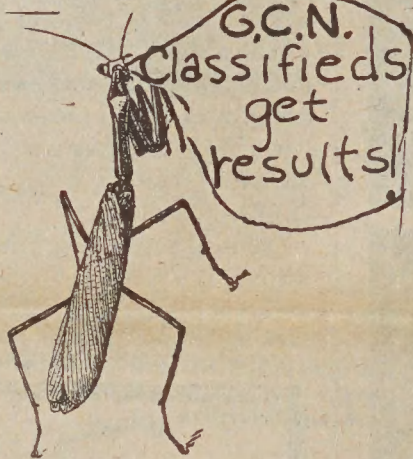
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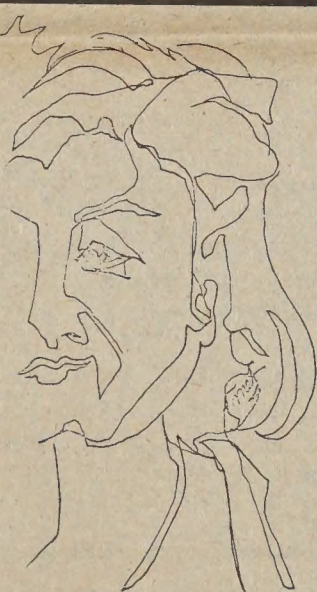
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BOSTON AREA (area code 617)

Boston Gay Youth	535-6197
Boston College Homophile Union	277-8096
Boston University Homophile League	353-3635
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group)	265-6409
Cambridge Women's Center	354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse	523-0368
Charlestown Gay Neighbors' Assn.	241-8357
Civil Liberties Union of Mass.	227-9469
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM)	492-6450
Daughters of Bilitis	262-1592
Dignity/Boston	
c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston	02215
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts	
Rm. 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston	02108
Fag Rag	536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center	267-7573
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund	267-0516
Gay Academic Union	266-2069
Gay Alert (for gay community emergency only)	523-0368 & 267-0764
Gay Hotline (6-9 Mon-Fri)	542-6075
Gay Community News	426-4469
Gay Media Action	523-1081
Gay Media Action Advertising	783-1627
Gay Nurses Alliance	232-6323
Gay People of UMass/Boston	287-1900x2396
Gay Speakers Bureau	547-1451
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM)	353-2790
Gay Legislation '75, P.O. Box 8841	
J.F.K. Station	536-6197
Boston, Mass. 02114	
Gender Identity Service	864-8181
Good Gay Poets	536-9826
Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.)	738-0486
Homophile Community Health Service	542-5188
Homophile Union of Boston	536-6197
Rhinoceros Radio, WBCN-FM 104.1	266-1111
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Center)	354-8807

Lesbian Mothers	354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project	354-8807
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group	498-4244
Metropolitan Community Church	523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League	253-5440
National Organization for Women	267-6160
OtherFund Inc. (Gay United Fund)	
c/o GCN, Box 3000	
Project Place	267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley	267-0764
Waltham-Water-town Gays, Box 7100	c/o GCN
Women's Community Health Center	
Cambridge	547-2302
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB	536-6197

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 617)

Dignity/Merrimack Valley	
r.O. Box 548, Lowell	01853
Homophile Union of Massachusetts	
P.O. Box F5, Leominster	
MCC-/Worcester	756-0730
Provincetown 24-Hr Drop-In Center	487-0387
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League,	
Box 674, Provincetown	02657
New Bedford Women's Clinic	999-1070
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center,	
N. Dartmouth 02747	
Worcester Gay Union	752-8330

WESTERN MASS. (area code 413)

Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women)	545-0154
Everywoman's Center (Amherst)	545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM, 91.9)	545-2876
Hampshire College Gay Friends	542-4889
Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Amherst	253-2591
Gay Women's Caucus (Amherst)	545-3438
Springfield Gay Alliance	583-3904
Southwest Women's Center	545-0626
UMass Student Homophile League	545-0154

Valley Women's Center (Northampton)	586-2011
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RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence	02912
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket	02861
Gay Women of Providence	942-2094
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence)	274-4737
MCC Providence & Coffee House	831-3773
Kingston Gay Liberation	792-5817

VERMONT (area code 802)

Counseling for Gay Women & Men, c/o Vt. Womens Health Ctr., 158 Bank St., Burlington, Vt.	05401
862-3955	
Goddard College Gay Students Organization, P.O. Box 501, Plainfield, Vt.	05667
454-7174	
Gay Student Union, Billings Student Center, U. of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.	05401
658-3830	
Gay in Vt., Box 3216, No. Burlington Sta., Burlington, Vt.	
658-3830, 862-2397	
Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield	05667
862-7770, 863-3237	
Vermont Gay Women	862-5504
Women's Switchboard	863-1386
Counseling for Gay Women & Men	658-3830, 862-2397

CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford	522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven	06520
486-2304	
U/Conn/Storrs	

Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford	568-2656
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford	06103

MCC Hartford	547-1281
Hartford Gay Counseling	522-5575
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich	889-7530

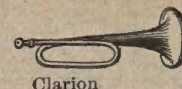
NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham	03824
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Northwood	03261
(DO NOT use "gay" on any mail to this group)	
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance	
Box 1424, Portsmouth	03801

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 1046, Bangor	04401
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick	04011
Gay Rights Organization (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland	04114
Gay Community Center/Gay Support and Action c/o Bangor Tenant's Union, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine	04401
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth	04605
Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick	04011
Maine Gay Task Force/MGTFF Newsletter	
Box 4542, Portland, Maine	04144
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville	04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono	04473
581-2571	
Maine Freewoman's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick	04011
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point	04667

COMING... Jan 22 thru Feb 10



22 wed

GCN will hold another special Governing Board Meeting tonight at 7 pm for the purpose of determining policy. Everyone who works on the paper, paid or volunteer, has a vote and therefore urged to attend. To be held at the office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston.

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There will be a gay play and dance this evening beginning at 8:30 pm in the Southwick Ballroom, Redstone Campus of the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. The play, "Touch Point", will be presented by the Women's Theatre Group (Unity Players), with the dance to commence directly afterwards. A \$1.00 admission will be asked at the door; not much for all this.

Lambda of Brunswick is having a dance from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am at the Pleasant Street, U-U Church in Brunswick, Maine.

A planning meeting for the 1975 N.E. Gay Conference will be held at 2:00 pm. in the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston Mass. Since people who attended last year's conference agreed not to hold the '75 gathering in Boston, we propose that groups from outside Boston come to this planning session with concrete suggestions for a time, place and budget. Everyone interested in planning should attend.

Find what you've always wanted at the Beacon Hill Auction, to be held at the Charles St. Meetinghouse (corner of Mt. Vernon), 70 Charles St., Boston. This is an annual event to give much needed support to the Charles St. Meetinghouse and the Stone Soup Society. Scheduled events include, a festival of music, dance & refreshments. If you have something to donate please give a call at 523-9481, we'll pick it up.



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26 sun

MCC Hartford, Conn. will hold a 6 pm buffet at St. Paul's, 1 Amity St. corner of Park St., Hartford. Tickets are available at the door at \$1.50 a piece. Everyone is welcome to attend the service following at 7:30 pm.

Enjoy a day in Maine and support the gay community! Do whatever you want all morning, then go to The Stage Door, a gay bar in Wells which will close if the appeal for it's beer license is denied, for a 3:00 pm meeting to plan gay support actions. The Stage Door is on Rte. 1 in Wells, near the doughnut shop.

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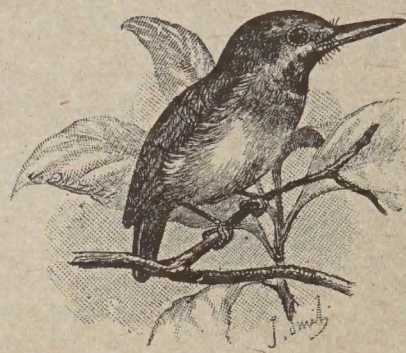
UConn Gay Alliance will hold its first meeting of 1975 this evening at 7:00 pm. The group will meet at the new vocation center in Hall Dorm. For more information call 486-2269.

31 fri

All gay couples (male and female) are invited to the monthly couples Pot-luck Supper Forum, sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church/Boston, 7 pm., at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. A film about a lesbian couple, "Holding", will be shown. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share. For more info call 266-7491.

B'nai Haskalah will be celebrating it's first anniversary! There will be a party after the services at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Services are at 8:30 pm., the entire gay community is invited. (Happy Anniversary from GCN)

Politics of Conspiracy Conference, sponsored by the Assassination Bureau will be held January 31 to February 2 at Boston Univeristy. Murders of both Kennedy's, King and the Wallace shooting, as well as Teddy's trouble at the bridge will be explored. Meg Brussell, Mark Lane and Sherman Skulnick will take part. Call: 661-8411 for information.



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Active Gays will hold their monthly brunch today at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston.

The second meeting of Gay Legislation '75 will be held at 2:30 pm. at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston.

Eric Bentley will hold another concert, (ref. GCN vol. 2 no. 29) at 10:00 pm in the Theatre for the New City, 113 Jane St., New York, N.Y.

For all you northern gays who are hooked on the needle, there will be a Quilting Party from 9:00 am until completion. Bring pre-shrunk fabrics, sewing shears, interest and enthusiasm to 131 Second Street, Bangor, Maine.

7 fri

Seven short gay films will be presented by the Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association, this evening and Saturday...February 7, 8th two times each day at 7:30 & 9:45 pm. The films to be shown are: "Sisters", "Lavender", "Chant d'Amour", "Thank You Masked Man", "Sandy & Madeleine's Family", "Vir Amat" and "Holding". Admission is \$1.00 for all seven films. Go to Harvard University Science Center, Rm. D, just N. of Harvard Yard, at the underpass.

8 sat

Come enjoy the fellowship of YOUR community. A spaghetti dinner at MCC on Feb. 8 (Saturday) at 7:30 pm. Simple but fun. \$1.00 tickets available at 131 Cambridge St., or call 523-7664.

"Meet-Your-Valentine Dance" (before the great day arrives), 69 Brimmer St., Boston, Mass. Free beer and music.

10 mon

The "Tomorrow Show" with Tom Snyder, will host four lesbians including Elaine Noble (Representative in the Mass. State Legislature), Elaine Lafferty, from National Gay Task Force, and Eleanor Cooper, spokeswoman from Lesbian Feminist Liberation. This program is an answer to an earlier show on "Tomorrow" which dealt with homosexuality, but had only invited men. It will be carried on the NBC Broadcasting System, and shown in the Boston area on channels 4 (WBZ) and 10 (WJAR) at 1 am.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor GCN, noon on Thursday, prior to the date of publication.



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MONDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
5:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Mass.
7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.
7 pm—MCC/Providence, Love-Feast Pot-Luck supper, 75 Empire St.

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.
8 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays; First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:30 pm—HUB Coming Out Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.

WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm—Providence Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.

2:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance gay/straight rap, group one, Rm. 108.
7:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance Men's Rap, 2nd floor, campus center
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.
7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and supp;(2nd and 4th Weds.);Box 7100, c/o GCN
7:30 pm—Worcester Singles Rap, (617) 756-0730 for details
8 pm—MCC/Providence, prayer and rap group, 75 Empire St.
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
7:30 pm—HUB TV Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston

THURSDAYS

6:15 pm—WBCN-FM "Rhinceros" radio show, 104.1, Boston
7:00 pm—Gay A's (alcoholics) 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Mass. 752-8330
7:30 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine
7:30 pm—Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Lord Jeffrey's Hair Salon, Amherst Inn, Amherst
7:30 pm—MCC Ecumenical Choir practice, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Caucus and Rap, UMass/Amherst, Campus Center
6:00 pm—Otherfund Inc., meet at Charles St. Meetinghouse
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323

8:00 pm—KALOS, Hartford Conn. at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Farmington Ave. and Sigourney St.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
8:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
7 pm-?—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Me.

FRIDAYS

11:00 am—SMU Gay Alliance lesbian rap, Gay Alliance office
12:30 pm—UMass/Boston Gay Group, Columbia Point, College II, room 620
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston
8:30 pm—UConn Gay Alliance, Inner College Trailer, 'R' lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs Conn.
7 pm-?—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston

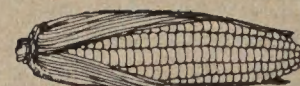
SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Room 509
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM
8:00 pm—East Conn Gay Alliance 889-7530
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor Maine

7 pm-?—MCC/Providence Coffee House

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
4-5 pm—MCC/Providence services, 74 Empire St.
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 942-2094
2:30 pm—"Gay A's" Alcoholics rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first and third Sundays)
4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine
6:30 pm—MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm—MCC/Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3733
7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
7 pm-?—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:00 pm—"Burlington After Dark" bi-weekly radio show, WRUV-FM, 90.1 MHz.



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Quick Gay Guide...see page 11